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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE'S MEETING WITH DR.
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BOLAJI AKINYEMI, JUNE 22

1. DR. BOLAJI AKINYEMI, INFLUENTIAL DIRECTOR OF THE NIGERIAN
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NIAA), CALLED ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST. NIAA
IS NIGERIA'S CLOSEST EQUIVALENT TO THE BROOKINGS INSTITU-
TION AND S/P. AKINYEMI AND MOOSE DISCUSSED RECENT DEVELOP-

MENTS IN ZAIRE AND THEIR IMPACT ON NIGERIAN PERCEPTIONS OF US AFRICA POLICY. AKINYEMI WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE AND ASSOCIATION WITH FRENCH TROOPS "SERVING FRENCH FINANCIAL INTERESTS." ZAMBIA, THE HORN, ANGOLA AND CHAD WERE ALSO DISCUSSED AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL FOR MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION BY THE OAU. THROUGH-OUT CONVERSATION AKINYEMI EXPRESSED PROFOUND SUSPICION OF THE FRENCH AND CERTAIN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SENEGAL, IVORY COAST AND GABON. HE ASSERTED THAT THE OAU COULD NEVER DEAL WITH AFRICAN PROBLEMS EFFECTIVELY AS LONG AS FRANCE COULD ACT THROUGH THESE MEMBERS TO FRUSTRATE OAU EFFORTS. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAS HARROP, AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH AND COUNTRY OFFICER CHAVEAS. FULL MEMCON FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

2. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH MOOSE AKINYEMI MET WITH DAVID AARON OF NSC. VANCE

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